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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randall S. Svihla on 23 September 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 25-27, 34-35, 37-45, 47-49, 57-58 have been amended as:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

Claims 6-16 (Canceled)

Claims 25-27 (Canceled)

Claims 34-35 (Canceled)

Claims 37-45 (Canceled)

Claims 47-49 (Canceled)

Claims 57-58 (Canceled)

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Faber whose telephone number is 571-272-2751. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8am to 430pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/David Faber/ Examiner, Art Unit 2178